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reply. No argument may be included in such filings. Parties shall submit, with any decision, a reference to the page of the brief to which the decision pertains. Any response shall be filed within 10 days and shall be similarly limited. With this exception, no further briefs may be filed, except with specific permission of the Board and on a showing of good cause.

(f) *Oral argument.* Oral argument before the Board will normally not be held in proceedings under this part. However, when need therefor appears, the Board may permit oral argument, either on its own initiative or on motion of a party.

[40 FR 30248, July 17, 1975, as amended at 49 FR 28250, July 11, 1984, 59 FR 59049, Nov. 15, 1994; 60 FR 25620, May 12, 1995]

§ 821.49 Issues on appeal.

(a) On appeal, the Board will consider only the following issues:

(1) Are the findings of fact each supported by a preponderance of reliable, probative, and substantial evidence?

(2) Are conclusions made in accordance with law, precedent, and policy?

(3) Are the questions on appeal substantial?

(4) Have any prejudicial errors occurred?

(b) If the Board determines that the law judge erred in any respect or that his or her order in his or her initial decision should be changed, the Board may make any necessary findings and may issue an order in lieu of the law judge's order or may remand the case for such purposes as the Board may deem necessary. The Board on its own initiative may raise any issue, the resolution of which it deems important to a proper disposition of the proceedings. If necessary or appropriate, a reasonable opportunity shall be afforded the parties to comment.

[59 FR 59049, Nov. 15, 1994]

§ 821.50 Petitions for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration, or modification of an order of the Board.

(a) *General.* Any party to a proceeding may petition for rehearing, reargument, reconsideration, or modification of a Board order on appeal from an initial decision. Any such petitions shall be served on all other parties

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ties to the proceeding within 30 days after service of the Board's order on appeal from the initial decision. Initial decisions that have become final because they were not appealed may not be the subject of petitions under this section.

(b) *Timing and service.* The petition shall be filed with the Board and served on the parties within 30 days after service of the Board's order on appeal from the initial decision.

(c) *Contents.* The petition shall state briefly and specifically the matters of record alleged to have been erroneously decided, the ground or grounds relied upon, and the relief sought. If the petition is based, in whole or in part, on allegations as to the consequences that would result from the order of the Board, the basis of such allegations shall be set forth. If the petition is based, in whole or in part, upon new matter, it shall set forth such new matter and shall contain affidavits of prospective witnesses, authenticated documents, or both, or an explanation why such substantiation is unavailable, and shall explain why such new matter could not have been discovered by the exercise of due diligence prior to the date of the hearing.

(d) *Grounds for dismissal.* Repetitious petitions will not be entertained by the Board and will be summarily dismissed.

(e) *Reply to petition.* Within 15 days after the service of the petition upon an adverse party, he or she may reply thereto by filing a copy of the reply with the Board, with proof of service upon the petitioner.

(f) *Stay of effective date of order.* The filing of a petition under this section shall operate to stay the effective date of the Board order, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

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Subpart I—Rules Applicable to Emergency Proceedings and Other Immediately Effective Orders

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